. the necessity of obeying that perfect law God has written
on † soul; the consequences which follow necessarily from
77 disobeying; consequences which even Omnipotence cannot
remove; & † blessed results for now & forever, that arise
from obedience, & † all importance of a divine life. The power
of the soul to receive † Holy Ghost; † divine might of a
regenerate man; the presence of God & Christ now in
faithful hearts; the inspiration of Good men; the kingdom
of God on the earth — these form not the substance of the
Church's preaching." p. 204.

"Such is the Christianity of the Church in our times.
It does not look forward but backward. It does not ask
truth at first hand from God. + + It enslaves men to † bible;
makes it the soul's master, not its servant. + + It makes
man † less & † bible † greater. + + It rejects all attempts to
humanize † bible, & separate its fictions from its facts. + It
trusts the imperfect Scripture of the Word, more than † Word
itself, writ by God's finger on the living heart." p 205.

The Church itself worships not God, who is all in all,
but Jesus, a man born of woman. + + Still, called by
whatever name, called by an idol's name, † true God
hears the living prayer. And yet perhaps the best feature
of Christianity, as it is now preached, is its idolatrous wor-
ship of Christ." p. 206.

"The Christianity of the Church is a very poor thing; a
very little better than Heathenism. (p. 207) + + It has taken
away our Lord, & left us a being whom we know not;
severed from us by his prodigious birth, & his alleged re-
lation to God, such as none can share. + + It has trans
— ferred him

to the clouds. It makes Christianity a Belief not a Life. It takes Religion out of the world & shuts it up in old books, whence, from time to time, on Sabbaths & fast-days, & feast-days - it seeks to evoke the divine Spirit, as the witch of Endor is fabled to have called up Samuel from the dead. It tells you with grave countenance, to believe every word spoken by the Apostles, - weak, Jewish, fallible, prejudiced, & mistaken as they sometimes were. + + No doubt some individual churches are now free from these disgraces; still the picture is true as a whole." p. 208.

"Well is it for the safety of the actual Church, that genius & talent forsake its rotten walls, to build up elsewhere the Church of the first-born, & pray largely & like men - Thy kingdom come. There is a concealed skepticism amongst us, all the more deadly because concealed. It is not a denial of God - though it is whispered to our ear is not rare, - + + still less is it disbelief of the Scriptures; there has always been too much belief in their letter, though far too little living of their truths. But there is a doubt of man's moral & religious nature; a doubt if righteousness be so super-excellent. + + It is not the essential element of Christianity, love to man & love to God, men commonly gather from the New Testament; but some perplexing dogma, or some oriental dream. pp. 213. 214.

The Christianity of the Church is a very poor thing. + + The Christianity of society is still worse. + The Christianity of Christ is high & noble as ever. + + Man has lost none of God-likeness. He is still a child of God, & Father is near to us as to him who dwelt in his bosom. Conscience has not left us. Faith & Hope still abide; & Love never fails. The

Comforter is with us; & though the man Jesus no longer blesses the Earth, the ideal Christ, formed in the heart, is with us to the end of the world. Let us then build on these. ++ Then ++ our service shall be worship, not idolatry. The burthen of the bible shall not overlay & crush us; its wisdom shall make us strong, & its piety Enchant us. Paul & Jesus shall not be our masters but elder brothers. ++ We shall serve no longer a bond-slave to tradition. ++ Like Paul shall we serve the Christ within; & like Jesus, serving & knowing God directly, with no mediator intervening, become One with Him." p.p. 215, 216.

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The Pharisee of the Church has a religion for Sunday, but none for the week. He believes all the true things & absurd things ever taught by popular teachers of his sect. To him the Old Testament & the New Testament are just the same, and the Apocrypha he never reads — Books to be worshipped & sworn by. He believes most entirely in the Law of Moses, & in the gospel of the Messiah, which annuls that Law." p. 69.

The Pharisee's faith is in the letter, not the Spirit. Doubt in his presence the book of Chronicles & the book of Kings are not perfectly inspired & infallibly true on those very points where they are exactly opposite; doubt the Infinite God inspired David to denounce his enemies, Peter to slay Ananias, Paul to predict events that never came to pass, & Matthew & Luke, John & Mark, to make historical statements, which can never be reconciled, & he sets you down as an infidel, though you keep all your commandments from your youth up, lack nothing, & live as John & Paul prayed they might live." + + The bible is his Master, not his friend. He would not thy the take its poems, as its authors took them; nor its narratives for wh: they are worth, as you take others. + To those books he limits inspiration." p. 72.